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Ipai language

Ipai, also known as **'Iipay** or **Northern Diegueño**, is the Native American language spoken by the Kumeyaay people of central San Diego County, California. Hinton (1994:28) suggested a conservative estimate of 25 surviving Ipai speakers.

Ipai	
'Iipay aa	
Native to	United States
Region	San Diego County, California
Ethnicity	Kumeyaay
Native speakers	6 (2007)[1]
Language family	Yuman ▪ Core Yuman ▪ Delta–California ▪ **Ipai**
Language codes	
ISO 639-3	`dih` (as part of Diegueño)
Glottolog	`ipai1240 (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ipai1240)`[2]

Ipai belongs to the Yuman language family and to the Delta–California branch of that family. Ipai and its neighbors to the south, Kumeyaay and Tipai, were often considered to be dialects of a single Diegueño language, but the current consensus among linguists seem to be that at least three distinct languages are present within the dialect chain (e.g., Langdon 1990). Confusingly, Kumeyaay is commonly used as a designation both for the central language in this family and for the Ipai-Kumeyaay-Tipai people as a whole.

Published documentation for the Ipai language includes reference and teaching grammars, a dictionary, and several texts (cf. Mithun 1999:578).

Notes

1. "UNESCO Atlas of the World's Languages in danger" (http://www.unesco.org/culture/languages-atlas/en/atlasmap/language-id-844.html). *www.unesco.org*. Retrieved 2018-05-20.
2. Hammarström, Harald; Forkel, Robert; Haspelmath, Martin, eds. (2017). "Ipai" (http://glottolog.org/resource/languoid/id/ipai1240). *Glottolog 3.0*. Jena, Germany: Max Planck Institute for the Science of Human History.

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External links

- Mesa Grande Ipai basic lexicon at the Global Lexicostatistical Database (http://starling.rinet.ru/cgi-bin/response.cgi?root=new100&morpho=0&basename=new100\hok\yum&limit=-1)
- 'Iipay Aa lessons and vocabulary (https://learniipayaa.weebly.com)

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